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Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief	Application No. 09/940,822	Applicant(s) TOMIDA ET AL.	
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THE REPLY FILED 26 March 2007 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
 b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
 (a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 (b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
 (c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 (d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
 5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
 6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
 7. ☒ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☐ will not be entered, or b) ☒ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.
 The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
 Claim(s) allowed: 38 and 39.
 Claim(s) objected to: _____.
 Claim(s) rejected: 37.
 Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.


AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
 9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).
 10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:
See Continuation Sheet.
 12. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). _____.
 13. ☐ Other: _____.




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Continuation of 11. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:

The applicant argues on page 3 of the response in essence that:

Safai '469 does not disclose the pre-stored images on the server being pre-stored by a device other than the portable communication terminal.

While the images are received from the portable communication terminal, the actual act of storing is performed by the server (col. 13-14, lines 66-67, 1). Therefore, the images are pre-stored by the server.

The applicant argues on page 4 of the response in essence that:

Safai '469 does not disclose causing a portable communication terminal to display thumbnails corresponding to pre-stored images on a server.

Safai '469 discloses uploading images to the server (col. 15, lines 33-37). The images after uploading are retained on the portable communication terminal (col. 10, lines 33-37). Therefore, the thumbnails on the camera of Safai '469 correspond to the images previously stored on the server.

The applicant argues on pages 4 and 5 of the response in essence that:

Safai '469 does not disclose determining, at the server, whether the portable communication terminal has issued a registration command to register at least one of the pre-stored images on the server corresponding to at least one of the thumbnails displayed by the portable communication terminal.

Safai '469 discloses the transportation application (within the camera) sends photos to the server (col. 13, lines 39-53). The camera can connect to the server at a later time and thus the photos can be considered pre-stored. Therefore, the act of registering images (sending selecting photos to the server) can occur after the images have been previously sent, and thus pre-stored.

The applicant argues on pages 6 and 7 of the response in essence that:

Safai '469 does not disclose relating, at the server, the at least one selected image with the caller's number of the portable communication terminal and storing the selected image in association with the caller's number of the portable communication terminal when it is determined that the portable communication terminal has issued the registration command.

Safai '469 discloses the server stores user information, which consists of a telephone number, with the photos when uploaded (col. 13-14, lines 54-67, 1). Therefore, the server relates the image (uploaded photo) with the caller's number (telephone number) when the portable communication terminal has issued a registration command (sending selecting photos to the server).